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(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the road-map and time-frame thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At Jaipur airport, presently, limited international operations are allowed and extension of runway and allied works have been completed and various other development works like construction of new international terminal complex, extension of apron, construction of parallel taxi track have been initiated.

At Udaipur airport, there are plans for construction of a new terminal building having facilities for limited international operations, construction of apron to park wide bodied aircraft, extension of runway.

(c) The expected date of completion of above development works at Jaipur airport is October, 2007 and March, 2007 for Udaipur airport.

Funds for aviation sector

567. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a total of Rs. 26,000 crore would be required for the Indian aviation sector for purchase of aircrafts replacement of old fleet and modernization of airports, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that effective capacity of existing facilities can be augmented through innovative and inexpensive means?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) A total of Rs. 44,5000 crores (approximately) is required to be spent on acquisition of 68 aircraft by ATr India Limited and 43 aircraft by Indian Airlines Limited. Besides, a fund requirement of Rs. 21,000 crores (approximately) is estimated for modernization and upgradation of major airports including non-metro airports in the country.

(c) Efforts are made for the optimum utilization of the existing facilities.